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**VIA FACSIMILE AND MAIL**

Mr. Jeff Jordan  
Office of General Counsel  
Federal Election Commission  
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RE: MUR 5405

Dear Mr. Jordan:

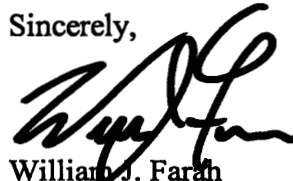
Per our conversation earlier today, this letter acknowledges the grant of an extension of time to March 15<sup>th</sup> for respondents James Chao and Apex Healthcare, Inc. to file a response to the complaint in the above-captioned matter.

An extension of time was needed because we were only recently retained as counsel to Mr. Chao and Apex Healthcare, and additional time was required in order for us to confer with our clients, review relevant documents and records and prepare a response.

Executed Designation of Counsel statements naming myself and Mr. Robert S. Plotkin of the law firm of McGuire Woods, LLP as counsels to Mr. Chao and Apex Healthcare will be forwarded to you shortly.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



William J. Farah

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